

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES APRIL 26, 2010  
MIDDLESCHOOL CAFETERIA  
APPROVED**

**Present:** Peter Cunningham, Chairman; George Dillon, Jr., Vice Chairman; Anna Eliot, Clerk; Stuart M. Schulman; Joshua A. Degen

**Also Present:** Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Brian Maser, Town Counsel; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

*Mr. Cunningham called the meeting of the Board to Order at 6:05 p.m.*

**EARTH REMOVAL ARTICLES 18 & 19**

Michelle Collette, Land Use Director/Town Planner explained that the Planning Board unanimously supported Article 18 & 19 that gave in case of emergency provisions in the by-law. The Board unanimously supported Articles 18 & 19.

**ARTICLE 18: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 198 - STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

*The proposed amendment adds an emergency provision to control erosion and prevent stormwater damage to public ways and abutting properties when such an emergency occurs. The proposed remedies would be subject to the review and approval of the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee.*

**ARTICLE 19: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 134 EARTH REMOVAL**

*The proposed amendment removes a section of the by-law governing small quantities of earth removal. The regulations adopted under the by-law include an expedited process for earth removal associated with construction.*

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN POSITION ON THE PROPOSED OVERRIDE**

Alan Genovese, School Superintendent, Claire Jeannotte, Business Manager and Allison Manugian, School Committee Member asked why the Board of Selectmen voted against the override in their previous meeting. Mr. Cunningham noted that the Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 opposed to an override.

MR. Dillon stated that if an agreement was reached prior to the election and concessions were made as indicated by the school committee, he would support the override with a formal statement. Mr. Schulman stated that his concern was the impact of an override this year on coming years and did not feel it was sustainable. Ms. Eliot voted against the override because she did not want to place conditions on a vote and was also concerned with the sustainability of an override on future budgets. Mr. Degen was hoping for concessions from the collective bargaining units and would not support the override until these concessions were made. Mr. Cunningham, the only in favor vote for the override, stated that he was concerned with cuts and that an override could buy some time.

Mr. Genovese stated that the increase in the schools budget was 1.3% and that the school saved money when the teachers agreed to go on the GIC health plan. Mr. Genovese stated that through the GIC the schools saved 700k. Mr. Genovese stated that the GIC is forcing teachers to pay higher costs for their health care. Mr. Genovese noted the district was staying competitive with other towns. Mr. Cunningham commented on the unfunded mandates by the state and that could be worked on through lobbying efforts.

Mr. Genovese stated that the schools are coming up short due to lack of revenue not lack of management. Mr. Cunningham noted that if the override did not pass the schools were ready to provide a list of prioritized cuts. Ms. Eliot suggested going to the unions if the override passes to make concessions.

Mr. Dillon commented on the misconceptions in the public that believe that a vote at Town Meeting is a vote for the override when it is in fact for the funding and that misconception needs to be cleared up tonight. Ms. Manugian stated that discussions are ongoing with bargaining units.

**ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDY**

Al Collins, of the Historical Committee asked the Board to reconsider stating that the Archeological survey would be a tool for the Planning Board in their investigation of properties. The Board stated that they would not change their original positions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Degen moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm. Ms. Eliot seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anna Eliot, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ respectfully submitted,  
Patrice Garvin  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 5-24-10